

## Amendments To The Claims

1. **(Currently Amended)** A communication system for providing information of a medical doctor's questions to patients, said communication system comprising a medical doctor terminal apparatus, a patient terminal apparatus, and a database server apparatus for storing question sets for the medical doctor's questions to patients, said medical doctor terminal apparatus, said patient terminal apparatus and said database server apparatus are connected to each other through a communication network,

wherein said patient terminal apparatus comprises:

first interface means for establishing a network connection and data communication between the database server apparatus and said patient terminal apparatus via the communication network;

first receiving means for receiving at least one question set from said database server apparatus, each question set being dependent on a particular patient among a plurality of patients;

~~template storing means for storing a plurality of answer form templates~~  
template question programs which correspond to ~~a plurality of predetermined answer form formats, the answer form templates not being~~ forms and are not dependent on a particular patient;

~~generating means for generating at least one patient specific answer form,~~  
question programs which ~~is~~ are dependent on a particular patient among ~~the a~~ plurality of patients, ~~the patient specific answer form being generated by inserting the at least one question set sets received from said database server apparatus into the template question programs at least one of the answer form templates stored in said template storing means;~~

~~displaying means for displaying questions from~~ for the medical doctor  
doctor's questions ~~included in the question set to the patient to patients by~~  
executing the question programs in the patient specific answer form generated by said generating means;

entering means for entering answer data to the displayed questions; and  
transmitting means for transmitting the entered answer data to said

database server apparatus, and storing the transmitted answer data in said database server apparatus; and

second interface means for terminating the network connection and data communication between the database server apparatus and said patient terminal apparatus;

wherein said medical doctor terminal apparatus comprises second receiving means for receiving the answer data stored in said database server apparatus by accessing said database server apparatus, and displaying the received answer data, and

wherein the patient ~~specific answer form~~ dependent question programs ~~is~~ are not transmitted through the communication network.

2. **(Canceled)**

3. **(Currently Amended)** The system as claimed in claim ~~1~~27, wherein ~~at least one~~ the answer form forms template includes include at least one of:

(a) a first answer form for answering by selecting at least one among a plurality of selection sentences of answers as an answer to a question; and

(b) a second answer form for answering by using a numerical value as an answer to the question.

4. **(Previously Presented)** The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of the question sets includes data indicative of an answer form, and a question sentence.

5. **(Original)** The system as claimed in claim 4, wherein each of the question sets further includes at least one selection sentence.

6. **(Original)** The system as claimed in claim 4, wherein each of the question sets further includes a goal answer entered by a medical doctor.

7. **(Previously Presented)** The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

said patient terminal apparatus further comprises answer data storing means for storing entered past answer data; and

said displaying means displays past answer data stored in said answer data storing means in conjunction with a question.

8. **(Original)** The system as claimed in claim 3, wherein the second answer form includes at least one of:

(a) a third answer form for answering by directly entering a numerical value as an answer to the question; and

(b) a fourth answer form for answering by entering a numerical value indicative of an answer with either one of increasing and decreasing a numerical value starting at an initial value, as an answer to the question.

9. **(Previously Presented)** The system as claimed in claim 8, wherein:

said patient terminal apparatus further comprises answer data storing means for storing entered past answer data; and

the initial value of the numerical value is a numerical value indicative of a previous answer of the particular patient included in the past answer data stored in said answer data storing means.

10. **(Previously Presented)** The system as claimed in claim 5, wherein said generating means comprises changing means for changing a display layout of the at least one selection sentence according to at least one of a number of selection sentences and a length of each selection sentence.

11. **(Previously Presented)** The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said medical doctor terminal apparatus further comprises:

transmitting and storing means for entering a remedy policy for a patient, transmitting the entered remedy policy to said database server apparatus, and storing the transmitted remedy policy in said database server apparatus; and

third receiving means for receiving the stored remedy policy for the patient by

accessing said database server apparatus, and displaying the received remedy policy.

12. **(Previously Presented)** The system as claimed in claim 11, wherein said medical doctor terminal apparatus further comprises link controlling means for controlling said third receiving means in accordance with a command from an operator so that said third receiving means receives the stored remedy policy for the patient by accessing said database server apparatus and displays the received remedy policy, when said second receiving means receives the answer data and displays the received answer data.

13. **(Previously Presented)** The system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said database server apparatus comprises:

first storing means for storing information about each respective patient;

second storing means for storing questions for medical doctor's questions for each respective question;

third storing means for storing information about linking between the respective patients and respective questions; and

fourth storing means for storing answer data from said patient terminal apparatus.

14. **(Previously Presented)** The system as claimed in claim 13, wherein said third storing means further stores a goal answer entered by a medical doctor, in addition to the information about linking between the respective patients and respective questions.

15. **(Currently Amended)** A patient terminal apparatus for use in a communication system for providing information of a medical doctor's questions to patients, the communication system comprising a medical doctor terminal apparatus, said patient terminal apparatus, and a database server apparatus for storing question sets for the medical doctor's questions to patients, said patient terminal apparatus, the medical doctor terminal apparatus and the database server apparatus being connected to each other through a communication network, said patient terminal apparatus comprising:

first interface means for establishing a network connection and data communication between the database server apparatus and said patient terminal apparatus

via the communication network;

receiving means for receiving at least one question set from the database server apparatus, each question set being dependent on a particular patient among a plurality of patients;

template storing means for storing ~~a plurality of answer form templates~~ template question programs which correspond to ~~a plurality of predetermined answer form forms~~ formats, the answer form templates not being and are not dependent on a particular patient;

generating means for generating ~~at least one patient specific answer form question programs~~ which ~~is~~ are dependent on a particular patient among ~~the~~ a plurality of patients, the patient specific answer form being generated by inserting the at least one question set ~~sets~~ received from said database server apparatus into ~~at least one of the answer form templates stored in said template storage means~~ the template question programs;

displaying means for displaying questions ~~from~~ for the medical ~~doctor~~ doctor's ~~questions included in the question set to the patient in the patient specific answer form to patients by executing the question programs generated by said generating means;~~

entering means for entering answer data to the displayed questions; and

transmitting means for transmitting the entered answer data to the database server apparatus and storing the transmitted answer data in the database server apparatus; and

second interface means for terminating the network connection and data communication between the database server apparatus and said patient terminal apparatus,

wherein the patient specific answer form ~~dependent question programs~~ is are not transmitted through the communication network.

16. **(Canceled)**

17. **(Currently Amended)** The patient terminal apparatus as claimed in claim ~~15~~ 28, wherein ~~at least one~~ the answer form ~~forms~~ template ~~includes~~ include at least one of:

(a) a first answer form for answering by selecting at least one among a plurality

of selection sentences of answers as an answer to a question; and

(b) a second answer form for answering by using a numerical value as an answer to the question.

18. **(Previously Presented)** The patient terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 15, wherein each of the question sets includes data indicative of the answer form, and a question sentence.

19. **(Previously Presented)** The patient terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 18, wherein each of the question sets further includes at least one selection sentence.

20. **(Previously Presented)** The patient terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 18, wherein each of the question sets further includes a goal answer entered by a medical doctor.

21. **(Previously Presented)** The patient terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 15, further comprising answer data storing means for storing entered past answer data, wherein said displaying means displays past answer data stored in said answer data storing means in conjunction with a question.

22. **(Previously Presented)** The patient terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein the second answer form includes at least one of:

(a) a third answer form for answering by directly entering a numerical value as an answer to the question; and

(b) a fourth answer form for answering by entering a numerical value indicative of an answer with either one of increasing and decreasing a numerical value starting at an initial value as an answer to the question.

23. **(Previously Presented)** The patient terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 22, further comprising answer data storing means for storing entered past answer data, wherein the initial value of the numerical value is a numerical value indicative of

a previous answer of the particular patient included in the past answer data stored in said answer data storing means.

24. **(Previously Presented)** The patient terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 19, wherein said generating means comprises changing means for changing a display layout of the at least one selection sentence according to at least one of a number of selection sentences and a length of each selection sentence.

25. **(Previously Presented)** A medical doctor terminal apparatus for use in a communication system for providing information of a medical doctor's questions to patients, said communication system comprising said medical doctor terminal apparatus, a patient terminal apparatus, and a database server apparatus for storing question sets for the medical doctor's questions to patients, said medical doctor terminal apparatus, the patient terminal apparatus and the database server apparatus being connected to each other through a communication network, said medical doctor terminal apparatus comprising:

first interface means for establishing a network connection and data communication between the database server and said medical doctor terminal apparatus via the communication network;

first receiving means for receiving answer data stored in the database server apparatus by the patient terminal apparatus, by accessing the database server apparatus, and displaying the received answer data;

transmitting and storing means for entering a remedy policy for a patient, transmitting the entered remedy policy to the database server apparatus, and storing the transmitted remedy policy in the database server apparatus;

second receiving means for receiving the stored remedy policy which was entered previously for the patient, by accessing the database server apparatus, and displaying the received remedy policy which was entered previously;

second interface means for terminating the network connection and data communication between the database server apparatus and said medical doctor terminal apparatus;

display means for displaying a user interface that includes the received answer data for the patient, the user interface including at least one selection means being displayed within the user interface and configured for selecting at least one remedy policy corresponding to the received answer data; and

reviewing and entry means for reviewing the displayed answer data together with the displayed remedy policy which was entered previously for the patient based on a selection via the selection means, and additionally entering a new remedy policy for the patient based on the displayed answer data and the displayed remedy policy for the patient which was entered previously, whereby the doctor performs a medical examination for the patient via the communication system.

26. **(Previously Presented)** The medical doctor terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 25, further comprising link controlling means for controlling said second receiving means in accordance with a command from an operator so that said second receiving means receives the stored remedy policy for the patient by accessing the database server apparatus and displays the received remedy policy, when said first receiving means receives the answer data and displays the received answer data.

27. **(New)** The system as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein template storing means stores template question programs which correspond to predetermined answer forms and are not dependent on a particular patient, and

wherein the generating means generates question programs which are dependent on a particular patient among a plurality of patients, by inserting question sets received from said database server apparatus into the template question programs.

28. **(New)** The patient terminal apparatus as claimed in claim 15,  
wherein the template storing means stores template question programs which correspond to predetermined answer forms and are not dependent on a particular patient, and

wherein the generating means for generates question programs which are



dependent on a particular patient among a plurality of patients, by inserting question sets received from said database server apparatus into the template question programs.